

To Whom It May Concern:

Below is some background material on an issue I am very concerned about. General aviation has been taking it on the chin from rampant regulation and rabid politicians. This has moved me from the sidelines as a casual voter to one who now watches what is going on and taking action where possible. I will be contacting my representatives and let them know that my feelings on this issue. I will also be increasing my support to advocacy agencies such as the AOPA and EAA. The Goofy TFR in Florida (and many others), the destruction of Meig's Field, and now the taking airspace to create a loss of general aviation business has woken this sleeper!

Sack-O-Grande Acroport, originally Harbican Airport established in 1970, was purchased in 1996 with the intent to provide a full time aerobatic practice location in the Houston area. An areobatic waiver was issued by the Houston FSDO in 1997 and has been renewed and maintained to present date. The primary objective for this waiver is to create a safe location for pilots to practice areobatic maneuvers, thereby providing a safety net to avoid any accidents in the air.

Not only does the Acroport and its waiver provide a safe altitude for aerobatic maneuvers, but Sack-O-Grande is recognized by flight schools and their instructors for this activity. We have worked with the various flight schools on the west side of Houston to educate them about our waiver. As a result, the flight schools have been extremely courteous in working with Sack-O-Grande in communicating and avoiding the area while the acrobatic waiver is active. This has created a safe zone protecting both the general aviation and aerobatic pilots from each other.

It is important that the present altitude of 3500 feet, as outlined in the waiver, remains in existence to provide a safe altitude above the ground for aerobatic pilots. The proposed changes to the Class B would lower the base to an altitude that would jeopardize the safety margins for both beginner and experienced pilots.

Sincerely,

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